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Device for Separating the Epithelium Layer from the Surface of the Cornea of an
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Please find the attached:

1. Transmittal Cover Letter
2. Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Ioannis Pallikaris et al.

Appln. No.: 09/911,356

Filed: July 23, 2001

For: Device for Separating the Epithelium Layer
from the Surface of the Cornea of an Eye

Examiner: Victor X. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3731

Attorney Docket No: 10781/9

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p.); Response to Restriction Requirement (2pp.)
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

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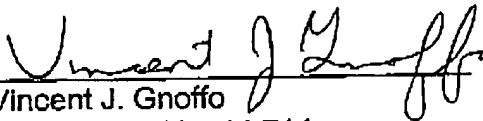
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated May 18, 2005, Applicants elect, Species II: Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-15, 17, 21, 24-46 and 53-57, without prejudice.

Conclusion

If the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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